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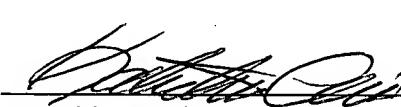
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A drink, which is characterized in that comprises desalinated seawater to which water-soluble mineral components are added to water obtained by desalting seawater.
2. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1, which is characterized in that wherein said water-soluble mineral components are obtained from seawater.
3. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, which is characterized in that wherein said water-soluble mineral components obtained from seawater are added to water obtained by desalting derived from the same seawater from which said desalinated seawater is obtained.
4. (Amended) The drink as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 32, which is characterized in that wherein said mineral components obtained from seawater are magnesium and calcium.
5. (Amended) The drink as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 4, which is characterized in that wherein the weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) is adjusted to 4/1 to 1/3.
6. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 5, for which is characterized in that wherein the weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) is adjusted to 3/1.
7. (Amended) The drink as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 6, which is characterized in that has a hardness of water measured by the EDTA method is from 100 to 3,000 as measured by the EDTA method.
8. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 7, which is characterized in that wherein the hardness of water measured by the EDTA method is from 250 or 1,000.
9. (Amended) The drink as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 8, which is characterized in that the taste has been adjusted using further comprising sugar or sour flavors for adjusting the taste.
10. (Amended) The drink as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 9, which is characterized in that wherein said seawater subjected to desalinization is surface water.
11. (Amended) The drink as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 9, which is

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said seawater subjected to desalinization is deep water.

12. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 11, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein said seawater is deep water obtained at a depth greater than 100m.

13. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of~~ Claims 11 or 12, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein said seawater is deep water obtained at a depth of 200 to 500m.

14. (Amended) A method for producing a drink, ~~which is characterized in that~~ ~~collected~~ comprising the steps of:

collecting seawater;

~~is desalted~~ separating the seawater to be separated into water and a concentrate by desalting; and

adding then to said separated water either one of (i) the concentrate or (ii) water-soluble mineral components obtained separately from said concentrate or another seawater concentrate are added to said separated water.

15. (Amended) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 14, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~collected~~ seawater is deep water obtained at a depth greater than 100m.

Claims 16-22 have been added.